

REMARKS

Claims 17-32, and 35-36 are now in this application.

Claims 14-16 and 33-34 have been canceled.

Claims 35 and 36 have been added, which recite the invention in clearer language than was previously presented in claim 33.

In the Office action the examiner rejected claims 14-34 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Since this rejection was primarily based on language which was found in claims 33 and 34, and claims 33 and 34 have now been canceled, this rejection should be no longer be applicable.

Regarding the examiner's comment that Figure 1 is incomplete because the figure does not show a safety feature (i.e an overflow line or blow off valve), which is required for a pressure reservoir that contains a relatively high pressure urea or ammonia saturated solution, it is pointed out that Figure 1 of the present application shows a pressure regulator 54 adjusting the pressure in the pressure reservoir 50, which is linked to the reservoir 44 by an overflow line, although the overflow line is not numbered. This overflow line is in fact close to the arrow on the lead line 49. There is related description in paragraph [0028] of the specification wherein the pressure regulator 54 is recited to adjust the pressure in the pressure reservoir 50. Paragraph [0029] compares pressure regulators 34 and 54, and it is noted that both pressure regulators have unnumbered return lines.

With regard to the examiner's rejection of 14-24 and 26-34 as anticipated by the reference to Peter-Hoblyn et al., applicants' counsel points out that Figure 1 of the Peter-Hoblyn et al.

reference only shows a fuel tank 10, but no supply container with an active substance which is separate from the fuel tank. Claim 35 recites that there is a supply container for the active substance which is separate from the fuel tank.

And further, pump 13 as well as pump 23 of the device disclosed in the Peter-Hoblyn et al. reference are both in fluid communication with the fuel tank 10. And once again, this is different from the structure which is recited in new claim 35, wherein it is recited that presupply pump 46 is separate from the fuel presupply pump 28. Furthermore, the high-pressure pump 48 is recited to be separate from the high pressure pump 26 of the fuel system.

Pump 23 of Peter-Hoblyn et al. supplies the active substance from separating means 20 and thus from fuel tank 10. In opposition to this, the subject matter of claim 35 is directed to a supply device supplying the active substance from the supply container with an active substance, which supply container is completely separate from the fuel tank.

And finally, in Peter-Hoblyn et al., pump 13 is a presupply pump for the fuel as well as for the active ingredient, whereas the subject matter as recited in claim 35 has a presupply pump 46 which is separate from the fuel presupply pump. And likewise, in claim 35 there is a high-pressure pump 48 which is recited to be separate from the high-pressure fuel pump.

With regard to the control and regulating device, applicants maintain their position that the Peter-Hoblyn et al. reference does not disclose any structure which controls and/or regulates the pressure in the pressure reservoir. Such a control or regulation of the pressure in the pressure reservoir is simply not possible in the device of the Peter-Hoblyn et al. reference, since there is no pressure sensor, nor any other pressure control structure provided at surge tank 30.

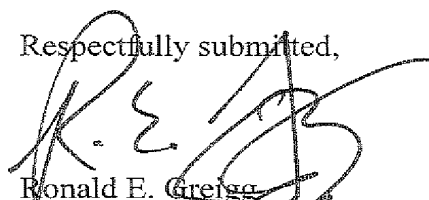
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Such a pressure regulating device is present only in applicants' device, particularly as recited in claim 35. Such a pressure regulating device is necessary in order to control or regulate the pressure in pressure reservoir 50. Without it, there is no accurate information available as to the pressure in the reservoir, or how much of the active substance is being supplied to the exhaust gas posttreatment system.

Such a pressure sensor is clearly disclosed in the present application as reference number 52. Further, the examiner's citation of column 8, lines 37 to 60 of the Peter-Hoblyn et al. reference only relates in a very general fashion to regulation of the flow of NO_x reducing reagent in proportion to NO_x production. To regulate the flow of NO_x reducing reagent, however, does not necessarily mean that the pressure in surge tank 30 (if such a pressure even exists) is regulated or controlled.

For all of the above reasons, whether singly or whether taken in combination with each other, entry of this amendment and allowance of the claims is courteously solicited.

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